New academic session in private medical colleges

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private medical colleges recognized and approved by the Medical Council of India in the country as on the 15th August, 2006 and the number of students who got admissions in these medical colleges during the current academic session;

(b) whether these colleges have started their academic session for the new entrants by now; and

(c) if not, by when the new sessions are likely to be started in these colleges and the details of the role of MCI in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) At present out of a total of 260 colleges, there are 126 private medical colleges in the country with intake capacity of 14,275 students approximately (out of total intake of 29,572). Out of these 126 private medical colleges, 60 are recognized medical colleges and the opening of remaining 66 medical colleges have been permitted by the Central Government under Section 10(A) of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and will be taken up for recognition as per the scheme of the Act in due course. As per the schedule of admissions based on the MCI Regulations on Graduate Medical Education 1997 and related Supreme Court directions, the academic session in a medical college is to be commenced between 1st and 31st August each year and any left out vacancies arising out of any reason are to be filled by 30th September. The schedule of admissions has been intimated to all State Governments/UTs/Universities in the country. As per the prescribed time schedule, admission process is still on the medical colleges and would continue upto 30th September. The Medical Council of India may direct cancellation of admissions granted after the last date of closure of admissions and discharge of the student from the course of study and if any medical qualification is granted to such a student, it shall not be a recognized medical qualification.